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The Army****Japan:**

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Oct. 5 that talks to realign U.S. troops in Japan had stalled over what to do with Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Compromises to a plan already approved by Okinawa prefecture are unacceptable, Okinawa Gov. Keiichi Inamine has said.

In attempts to break a logjam that has stalled a plan to relocate the Marine air station to a facility to be built off Okinawa's north-east shore, U.S. and Japanese officials have been considering scaling back the size of the offshore airport or building it within nearby Camp Schwab, according to Japanese news reports.

That's unacceptable to Inamine, who approved the construction of an airport on 455 acres of reclaimed land on a reef about two miles offshore of Henoko, a small fishing village.

What had sealed that \$2.87 billion deal was an agreement to Inamine's insistence that the airport be used jointly by civilian aircraft.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit [www.esrimes.com](http://www.esrimes.com) on the Web.

**Fort Knox:**

The Turret reported Oct. 4 that FluMist spray vaccine would be emphasized at on post.

The flu vaccine has been used for years to help minimize flu symptoms.

Taking the vaccine can prevent flu symptoms ranging from fever, sore throat, chills, cough, headache and muscle aches to much more severe complications, which can be dangerous, said Lt. Col. Eric Shuping, the chief of preventive medicine at Fort Knox's Ireland Army Community Hospital.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit [www.thenews-tribune.com/turret/](http://www.thenews-tribune.com/turret/) on the Web.

**Fort Gordon:**

The Signal reported Sept. 30 that about 120 members of the 56th Signal Battalion were alerted over the Labor Day weekend that they would be needed to support relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

They deployed to assist New Orleans in providing communication services for members of Joint Task Force Katrina.

In New Orleans, elements of the battalion set up operations at a Carnival Cruise Line terminal.

Two vessels, a carnival cruise ship called the Ecstasy and the USS Naval ship Iwo Jima, were used by FEMA for operational purposes.

For more on this story and other Fort Gordon, Ga., news, visit [www.gordon.army.mil/pao/archives.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/pao/archives.htm) on the Web.

## Special honor

### Regiment invests 6 members

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

Six Infantrymen joined the 16th Infantry Regiment as part of an investiture ceremony Sept. 29 at the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, headquarters at Fort Riley.

Retired Col. Sherwood Goldberg, Raymond Hahn, retired Sgt. Maj. Alfredo Herrera, Ronald Mackedanz and Daniel McFee were named distinguished members of the regiment. They each received a member's patch and certificate.

They also received the company's coin and the book "Blood and Sacrifice: History of the 16th Infantry from the Civil War to the Gulf War." Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Leggett also was inducted but was unable to attend the ceremony.

"We are truly honored as the only existing battalion of a very historic regiment to be able to host this event," said Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., commander. "As commander, it's important to say 'thank you' to our veterans and to help Soldiers understand what that 'thank you' is about and to demonstrate to our Soldiers that veterans are not so much different than we are today and that someday our Soldiers will be in their place," he said.

Becoming a distinguished member surprised Herrera, he said.

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Distinguished member of the 16th Inf. Regt., Daniel McFee, talks with Spc. Gordon Rafferty (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Jason Miller, both of the 1st Bn., 16th Inf., about the weapons used by Soldiers today as well as the weapons McFee used in Vietnam.

Post/Blackmon

## Myers retires after 40 years

By Jim Garamone  
AFPS

WASHINGTON — It's just as important to fight for American ideals today as it was in 1776, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers said Sept. 30 during his Armed Forces Farewell Tribute.

Myers retired as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and swore in his successor, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, during the ceremony.

In an emotional speech, Myers thanked President Bush, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the Joint Chiefs, his family and his staff for their trust and perseverance. He also thanked servicemembers everywhere for what they do to defend America, its ideals and its allies.

Myers spoke about the lessons contained in David McCullough's book "1776." The author said one of the lessons of the American Revolution is that men and women sometimes must fight to protect America's freedoms and values. "If our predecessors in arms hadn't persevered, all the noble words, all the high ideals, all the promises of the Declaration of Independence were just words on paper," Myers said. "We forget that it wasn't just what Jefferson had written that mattered ... it was the people fighting for those ideals."

"I'm honored and privileged to have spent more than 40 years working with people who believe that too," he said.

Myers served as the highest-ranking military officer through four tumult-

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## Brigade trains hard to survive in Iraq

Emphasis switches from biological protection to explosive device reaction

By Gary Skidmore

Command Info. Officer

When the 1st Brigade deploys to Iraq, nearly 60 percent of the Soldiers deploying will have had combat experience from some-

where, said Maj. Gary Belcher, the brigade civil affairs officer. "We're going with a lot of experience."

"I think (only) five to 10 percent of the Soldiers in the brigade had combat experience when we deployed the first time, and that

may be a generous estimation," he said.

"It's a much more experienced Army today," said Col. Bart Howard, 1st Bde., 1st Infantry Division, commander.

Howard said the training the brigade's Soldiers are going

through is tough, realistic training.

"We put ourselves through more rigor, more tough training than any other army in the world," Howard said. "We go to these places to train ... the Joint Readiness Training Center in Louisiana

and the National Training Center in California, and in my experience of more than 20 years, we test ourselves, we push ourselves to our limits, making it literally miserable on ourselves as we con-

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Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy (left), commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, and U.S. Army Garrison and division Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble salute as "Taps" is played during the memorial ceremony at the Global War on Terrorism monument on post Oct. 1

## Post honors fallen heroes

Hardy: 'We will never forget ... never quit'

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Quiet reverence marked the ceremony that started Fort Riley's annual open house and Apple Day event Oct. 1.

A crowd of about 200 people gathered in front of two black granite spires sitting on a gray granite pentagon-shaped base to pay tribute to Soldiers who have given their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

The black granite spires represent the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center leveled on Sept. 11, 2001, by terrorist attacks. The base symbolizes the attack on the

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Read about open house activities and see more photos in the Community News section of this paper.

Pentagon in Washington, D.C., the same day.

Sixty-two names are engraved on the monument's black towers — the names of active duty Soldiers who were stationed at Fort Riley and of Reserve Component Soldiers who trained on post before deploying to Iraq.

"This is an important day for Fort Riley," said Maj. Gen. Dennis

Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, as he welcomed guests and especially the family members of the post's "fallen heroes."

"As you look at this monument, you can't help but remember what occurred in this nation four years ago. We will never forget," he said. "Those of us in uniform certainly will never forget."

The war continues and, "We will give meaning to the deaths of not only the 62 we have lost at Fort Riley, but to the 3,000 we lost on 11 September 2001. Our mission is not finished," he said. "We

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## Post news in brief

### Safety staff sets rider courses

The Installation Safety Office has scheduled the Dirt Bike Rider Course beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 11 and 23 at the McGee Farm.

The ISO also has scheduled an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) Rider Course at the McGee Farm beginning at 9 a.m. on Oct. 18.

Call 239-2334 or 239-2514 for directions and more information about the courses.

Individuals 6 years old and older may take the class. Riders younger than 16 are restricted to dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles of the size recommended for the rider's age.

Special teaching provisions will be made for students under 16 years old. Parents are encouraged to attend, as well. Students younger than 12 participate in separate classes and a parent must be present during the entire course.

Class size is determined by the age of the students: maximum of eight students 16 and older, maximum of 12 students 12 to 15 and maximum of four students age 6 to 11 and parent or guardian must attend.

Students under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the release and consent form.

### Riders must complete class

All Soldiers must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course before registering their motorcycles or mopeds on Fort Riley.

The Installation Safety Office will offer the required Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course on 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Building 727 on Marshall Army Airfield.

Those attending the course must be licensed by a civil authority, possess a motorcycle in safe operating condition with insurance as required by Kansas law, and wear personal protective equipment required by Appendix B of Army Regulation 385-55.

For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 239-2334 or 239-2514.

### Holiday to alter trash pickup

The post refuse schedule will change Oct. 10-14 to accommodate the Columbus Day holiday. The schedule is:

**Oct. 10** - No pick up. Federal Holiday in observance of Columbus Day.

**Oct. 11** - Colver Manor, Main Post and the dumpster at Building 620.

**Oct. 12** - Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Monteth Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, Marshall Army Airfield and dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 471, 540, 542, and 5309.

**Oct. 13** - Warner Heights, Burnside Heights and dumpster at Building 620. (No change from regular schedule.)

**Oct. 14** - Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights and Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue. (No change from regular schedule.)

For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.



Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 16th Inf., assist distinguished member Phil Greenwell as he and other distinguished members prepare to try out the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 during their visit to Fort Riley.

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"I didn't expect it. It's very gratifying. What an accomplishment. My son... my wife, they're really happy for me; the whole family is happy for me," Herrera said.

The distinguished members spent a couple of days at Fort Riley.

They took a tour of post,

spending time with 1st Bn., 16th Inf., Soldiers and learning more about equipment and training of today's Army.

They viewed static displays of weapons and tactical vehicles and practiced shooting on the Equipment Skills Trainer 2000, a computerized marksmanship trainer.

"Can't tell you what a great

time we had, it was so much more than what I expected. Everyone was so nice, and considerate toward us, and I was so impressed with everything," McFee said.

"I can't thank all of you enough for the incredible time we had. It will always be a lifelong memory for me and my wife," he said.

### Distinguished Members of the Regiment



Ronald Mackendanz



Daniel McFee



Sherwood Goldberg



Raymond Hahn



Alfredo Herrera

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tuos years, Bush said in his remarks. "Every chairman faced difficult tests, yet none took up his duties under more demanding circumstances than Dick Myers," the president said. "In his first week as the chairman, we launched strikes on terrorist training camps in Afghanistan. By the middle of December, American troops and our allies had driven the Taliban from power, put al Qaeda on the run and freed more than 25 million people."

Myers also served as senior military adviser to the president, vice president and secretaries of state and defense during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Joint Task Force Horn of Africa's operations and in natural disasters.

Myers also helped design and put in place a broad and innovative military strategy to win the war on terror. "His leadership and flexibility were essential to the liberation of Iraq and to adapting our tactics to defeat the terrorists and help Iraqis build a peaceful democracy," Bush said.

Myers worked behind the scenes to develop strong ties with allies and helped forge the coalition against terror. "He also helped us prepare for the new threats of the 21st century by helping transform the NATO alliance and making our armed forces lighter, more lethal and more capable of conducting joint operations," Bush said.

Myers said that he is proudest of the way American servicemembers continue to do their duties.

He said the American military is the best fighting force on the planet. But it is not enough to be warriors, the men and women in uniform also take the values of America with them wherever they go, he said.

"You fought and defeated two brutal regimes and brought freedom to 50 million people in Iraq and Afghanistan, people who now vote for their government officials, people who can express their opinions and chart their own hopeful futures, the same rights our predecessors fought for in 1776," he said.

"Despite all the demands we

place on you, you're always looking for new ways to do even more to help people," he said. "You literally take my breath away. I'm so honored to have the privilege to wear this uniform alongside you."

"In the end, we are just reflections of all those we've known and loved over the years. So as I say farewell, I realize that any success I've had was only possible because of all of you," he continued. "Thank you for being here today and for being part of this great adventure with the Myers family."

## 11 Soldiers guilty of UCMJ crimes

### Staff Judge Advocate

The government has tried the following cases and received the following results in courts martial at Fort Riley July 27 through Aug. 29:

On Aug. 29, Pvt. Pablo Solano was found guilty of desertion with intent to avoid hazardous duty in Iraq. The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for one year and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Also on Aug. 3, Pfc. Dustin E. Ramos was found guilty of being absent without leave, missing movement to Iraq and wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 13 months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On Aug. 2, Pvt. Carlos J. Rodriguez-Ortiz was found guilty of missing movement to Iraq, being absent without leave, disrespect toward a superior noncommissioned officer and willful disobedience of a superior commissioned officer. The military judge sentenced him to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 18 months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Also on Aug. 2, Staff Sgt. Ricky Wilson was found guilty of wrongful use of marijuana, distribution of marijuana, communicating a threat and adultery. The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E1, to be confined for 42 months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On Aug. 16, Spc. Jon David L. Miller was found guilty of assault upon a child under 16 years of age. The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E1 and to be confined for 12 months.

On Aug. 10, Spc. Kevin K. Brown was found guilty of being absent without leave and wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for seven months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On Aug. 9, Pvt. Anthony Cole was found guilty of being absent without leave and wrongful use of marijuana and cocaine. The military judge sentenced him to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 15 months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

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*Post/Skidmore*  
Sgt. Dennis Thomas points out the target for Spc. Greg Lee, manning a B240 machine gun. The two Soldiers are assigned to Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.

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stantly train under tough circumstances, cold, hot, rain, snow, and when it comes time to deploy and face combat, we're ready .... we're trained."

Howard said the training his brigade is undergoing has changed since the first time his it deployed.

"Before Desert Storm, we used to do significant amounts of chemical training. We would be in masks and protective suits for hours at a time," Howard said. "Today, although we're trained in the use of our chemical equipment, the emphasis has shifted to reacting to improvised explosive devices and (performing) dismounted patrols."

The big lesson for the Army in the last few years has been that every Soldier needs to become a marksman, Howard said.

"We say, 'every Soldier an Infantryman. It's true. When we go to Iraq, you'll find mechanics, truck drivers and someone who repairs computers patrolling the streets of Baghdad. They have the equipment they need, an M-16 rifle, and they're qualified on that rifle; and it isn't a surprise to them when you tell them they may be in a convoy and that convoy may come under some sort of contact," Howard explained. "They will know how to react because they train hard now so they will know how to react when an IED does go off."

With their deployment to Iraq quickly approaching, training in the brigade continues. For members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, training found them on Range 18 one day, learning to react to the probable IED attack while in a convoy or on a patrol in their "Humvees."



**"(Soldiers) will know how to react because they train hard now ...."**

**— Col. Bart Howard  
Commander, 1st Bde.**

"This used to be the type of range we'd fire M1 tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles on," Howard said. "We've adapted it so a unit such as 1st Bn., 16th Inf., can use 'Humvees.' They dismount, and as they move through the course, they come in contact with a variety of targets."

"In the old days when we trained on these ranges, everything that popped up was a threat. Not so much these days," Howard said. "Now, there's a scenario

that's complicated because we've added civilians who pop up. This training teaches our Soldiers to be discriminating, to know what's going on, to be really adaptive to these new rules of engagement," he said.

"Nine months ago, we were shooting from Bradley Fighting Vehicles. Now we've dismounted and we're dealing with IEDs. We've adapted this range to make it more realistic and fit what we're more likely going to see in Iraq."



*Post/Skidmore*  
Spc. Greg Lee mans a B240 machine gun in the back of a "Humvee" during training at Fort Riley.

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### Honored fallen heroes

**In 2003:**

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William L. Payne  
David Evans Jr.  
Jeremiah Smith  
Jonathan Rozier  
Christopher Cutchall  
Simeon Hunt  
Jason M. Ward  
Jonathan Falaniko  
Todd Jason Bryant  
Mark Daniel Vasquez  
Gary L. Collins  
Irving Medina  
James Allen Shull  
Joseph Lister  
Thomas J. Sweet II  
Uday Singh  
Ryan C. Young  
Jarrod William Black

**In 2004:**

Dennis A. Corral  
Matthew J. August  
James Thomas Hoffman  
Travis Moothart  
Luis Moreno  
Sean G. Landrus  
Jeffrey Carl Graham  
Roger G. Ling  
Joe Larry Dunigan Jr.  
Christopher Hill  
Doyle M. Hufstedler III  
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Michael G. Karr  
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Melvin Yamil Mora Lopez  
Brian D. Smith  
Linda A. Tarango-Griess  
Jeremy Fischer  
Neil A. Santoriello  
Daniel Shepherd  
David M. Heath  
Yoe Manuel Aneiros  
Don A. Clary  
Clinton L. Wisdom  
Mark N. Stubenhofer

**In 2005:**

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Colby M. Farnan  
Jason L. Moski  
Matthew A. Koch  
William D. Richardson  
Timothy J. Millsap  
David L. Rice  
Wyatt D. Eisenhauer  
Kenneth J. Schall  
Christopher W. Dickison  
Anthony M. Mazzarella  
Tricia L. Jameson  
Jared D. Hartley  
Seferino J. Reyna

cannot quit. We cannot back away ..."

The military does not fight the fight alone, Hardy said. "We depend vitally on the support of our families, of our communities, of our government as well as our other agencies."

Recognizing that outside support for the military, Fort Riley honored four members of the adjacent civilian communities as Distinguished Troopers.

The Fort Riley Distinguished Trooper Award is presented to private citizens in recognition of

their sustained public service and contributions to the post's military community.

Former post commanding general Maj. Gen. Robert J. St. Onge Jr. established the award on May 24, 2001.

The award consists of a gold medallion engraved with the recipient's name and a Distinguished Trooper Certificate signed by the current commanding general on post.

This year's recipients were John Armbrust, retired Col. Ken Burgoon, John Montgomery and

John Trygg.

Armbrust heads the Kansas governor's military affairs council.

Burgoon has long served in a military liaison capacity for Junction City and the Old Trooper Regiment.

John Montgomery is the civilian aide to the secretary of the Army.

Trygg has long been a supporter of the military community, most recently earning distinction as the national Armed Services YMCA volunteer of the year.

*Post/Heronemus*

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy (right), commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley congratulates John Trygg on being named a Distinguished Trooper. U.S. Army Garrison and division Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble congratulates retired Col. Ken Burgoon. Others being honored Oct. 1 with the Fort Riley Distinguished Trooper Award are John Armbrust (left) and John Montgomery, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army.

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#### Environmental training slated

Environmental Team Training Refresher: Class starts at 9 a.m. Oct. 17 in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts 2 1/2 hours.

This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team training course.

Battery Hazard Awareness Training (Code Name Lithium): Class starts at 10 a.m. every Wednesday of each month in Building 1930 at Camp Funston. This class lasts one hour.

Code Name Lithium course is designed for key personnel who in their course of their duties receive, store, issue and then transport lithium batteries for disposal. This course includes training on the characteristics and hazards associated with the various types of lithium batteries used on Fort Riley.

For information or to enroll in these classes, call 239-0446/2305 or check with the battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

What did you like most about the open house, and why? What would you like to see added to the open house next year?



"I liked shooting the guns. I have never done that before. I would like to see the same things next year."

**Carrie Green**  
Military spouse  
Home: New Berlin, Wis.



"The petting zoo for the kids was great. More crafts would be nice to see next year."

**Brigit Roe**  
Stay at home mom  
Peoria, Ill.



"I'm glad I preordered my pies and didn't have to wait in line. I missed seeing the helicopter this year and hope to see it next year."

**Daniel Howard**  
Military spouse  
Home: Fort Riley



"I loved all of it. It was more than I expected. I would like to see the same next year."

**Catherine Swearingen**  
Student  
Home: Orange, Calif.



"The best part was the petting zoo. I liked the mountain man, too. It was all good."

**Christian Kubik**  
Student  
Home: Fort Riley



"The Expo Tent gave a lot of information about the surrounding area. I liked that."

**Sherrie Tedford**  
Military spouse  
Home: Louisville, Ky.



"I liked the petting zoo. It was very interactive for the kids. I think (this year's open house) had it all covered."

**Cpl. Michael Mazingo**  
Training NCO  
HHC, 1st Engineer Battalion  
Home: Denver, Colo.



"It's free and a fun time for the family. Next year, I'd like to see my husband here. He had to work today."

**Tracy Terrell**  
Military spouse  
Home: Anderson, Ind.



"I enjoyed all the people. We have fun talking and telling stories. I would like to see us here next year."

**Verleta Myers "Owl Woman"**  
Storyteller and craftswoman  
Trading Post  
Home: Manhattan, Kan.



"I enjoyed the horse demonstration. It was good entertainment for the kids. Next year, I would like to see more horseshoes."

**1st Sgt. Robert Walker**  
HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech)  
Home: Monticello, Fla.



"Getting my face painted. Rides next year would be fun."

**Shane Rilat**  
Home: Chapman, Kan.



"I liked the activities for the kids the most. It's important that they learn about the military. I would like to see more food next year."

**Sterling Wright**  
Civilian  
Home: Elk Grove, Calif.

### Next week's question:

Fort Riley will observe Hispanic Heritage month with a special event Oct. 19. Have ethnic observances such as this outlived their usefulness? If so, why? If not, why not?

## Family safety

# Take time to prevent fires, injury, damage

By Mike Cook  
Fire Chief

One of the country's worst urban fires was the "The Great Chicago Fire" that started Oct. 8, 1871, and lasted for 27 hours. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

On the 40th anniversary of "The Great Chicago Fire," the International Fire Marshal's Association sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922 National Fire Prevention Week has been observed during the week in which Oct. 9 falls. Every year since 1925, the president has signed a proclamation designating that week as a week of national observance.

Soldiers, families and civilians need to do their part in making Fort Riley a safe place to live and work. Everyone needs to inspect their areas and take the measures necessary to prevent fires in the quarters and where they work.

Since the beginning of the year, Fort Riley has had six kitchen fires in family quarters. All were caused by family members leaving the kitchen while cooking food.

It does not take long for grease or other material to overheat and catch fire. The situation can become worse by someone attempting to put a grease fire out with water. Water actually causes the fire to spread.

Luckily, this year, we have not had anyone hurt due to kitchen fires. In the event you have a kitchen fire, call 911 first, then, if it is safe to do so, turn off the stove, cover the pan and then evacuate the quarters. The best action a family can take in preventing kitchen fires is to never leave cooking food unattended.

All residents should have their insurance, cautions Pam Newman, housing manager. Insurance will help you replace your property in the event of fire. Although on-post residents can file a claim with the staff judge advocate, the government does not cover the cost of replacing your property. A good quality renter's insurance with replacement value coverage will, with

proper documentation, cover the cost of replacing all of your property.

Also, when a resident's negligence causes a fire, renter's insurance will cover the cost of repairs to the quarters. Residents without renter's insurance face the prospect of having to pay the full cost of repairs themselves.

Family housing residents as well as units, agencies and Soldiers living in the barracks need to look at checking their areas and remove any fire hazards as well as eliminating any unsafe procedures, such as melting shoe polish.

All family quarters have smoke detectors and they should be tested monthly. Residents can check their detectors by pressing the little red button. That should sound the audible alarm. If the alarm on the detector does not sound, notify the Family Housing Service Order Desk at 784-2599.

The detectors in barracks and administrative areas work differently and are not designed to be checked. If you are unsure about how the smoke detector operates, call the Fire Department at 239-4257 to have it checked. All the detectors in family housing quarters are powered by the house's electrical system yet have a battery backup. Therefore residents should replace the battery. Plan to check them the day clocks are changed for Daylight Savings Time in April and October.

All residents should develop a fire plan of their home with at least two ways out of every room, including using windows if necessary. Review the plan and escape routes with every member of your household and ensure it includes a meeting place outside of your home, preferably in front, so everyone can be counted.

During the week of Oct. 9-15, the Fort Riley Fire Department will be participating in National Fire Prevention Week activities. This year's theme is "Use Candles with Care - When You Go Out, Blow Out."

The Fire Department will display their equipment at the Post Main Exchange from 5 to 7 p.m. daily during the week.

The Fire Department schedules support for unit and agency fire drills. If you want to conduct a fire drill, call and reserve your time.

If you desire to tour the fire department, call 239-4257.

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## Post news in brief

### Motorcycle rider class set

The Installation Safety Office will offer a Basic Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course Oct. 15-16. Those attending the course must be licensed by a civil authority to operate a motor vehicle (a learner's permit is acceptable), possess an understanding of the basic rules of the road and wear personal protective equipment required by Appendix B of Army Regulation 385-55, Appendix B.

This is a beginners course. Helmets and motorcycles will be provided by the contracted instructor.

For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 239-2334 or 239-2514.

### Ed services to host forum

Fort Riley Education Services will host an education forum Oct. 18-19 at Riley's Conference Center. The main focus will be "Meeting the Post-Secondary Educational Needs of the Expanding Fort Riley Community."

The Fort Riley community, including senior military and civilian leadership, Soldiers and family members, Department of the Army civilians and the community at-large, is invited to attend.

Speakers will be prominent individuals from academia, government, business, civic, law and the military.

For more information, call Education Services at 239-8268.

### Hospital to mark center opening

Irwin Army Community Hospital will host a grand opening ceremony and open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13 for the new Women's Health Center.

Occupying the entire third floor of the hospital, the center will be home to the Obstetrics/Gynecology Clinic, postpartum/ante-partum and gynecology ward and the mother-baby birthing center.

The open house culminates work begun in May 2004 and is open to hospital staff, beneficiaries and Fort Riley employees.

### Center staff cancels job fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center job fair scheduled for Oct. 21 has been cancelled. The non-availability of Soldiers and family members has made this necessary. The next ACAP job fair has been tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2006.

Regular ACAP services, such as pre-separation benefits briefings, 3 1/2-day job search workshops, special employer days and job search assistance will continue unchanged.

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# Congressman calls for better professional ed

By Randy Pullen  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A leading member of Congress has made a call for transformation of the military's professional education system to ensure the Armed Forces retain their edge in the future.

Rep. Ike Skelton, the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, made the call as he delivered the closing address at the 2005 Dwight D. Eisenhower National Security Conference Sept. 28 in Washington, D.C.

In his remarks, Skelton praised the men and women of today's armed forces as they conduct operations at home and abroad.

"Our remarkable men and women in uniform are fighting the war in Iraq and the war against terror in Afghanistan," Skelton said. "They are pursuing terrorists all over the globe, and they are cleaning up along the Gulf Coast. 'These campaigns and actions, like the scores of operations before them, demonstrate why our service people deserve their reputation as the world's finest military.'"

### Focus must look to future

Skelton went on to say that while today's operations demand our focus, we must be careful to not be so myopic that we fail to see what else is out there, that "we must, therefore, look beyond Iraq."

"If history is any guide," Skelton said, "we should expect that something out there is waiting for us that no one has imagined yet."

After discussing the challenges of today and the challenges yet to come, Skelton explained that the burden to meet those challenges will fall not on technology but on humans.

As good as military professionals are today, they must be even better, he said. He feared that although tremendous effort was being made to adopt technological transformation, he did not see the same commitment being made to advance the understanding of the art of warfare by servicemen and women.

"While I do not pretend to understand the Future Combat System in all its complexity," he said, "I do know that it will be useless unless it is employed by those who understand how to use it effectively on the battlefield."

Skelton called for the joint professional military education system to be transformed in order to teach military leaders a deeper understanding of the operational art of war in order to master the

complexity of the modern battlefield.

"Today, the system is adequate, but it needs to get better," he said. "It must be rigorous and robust. It must give students the intellectual tools they need to fight the next war — not the war they are fighting today. The time spent at professional military schools needs to be longer — not shorter."

Skelton said that human interactions in the broad range of regions that mark today's and tomorrow's battlefields would call for greater cross-cultural understanding at all levels. A way to develop this understanding might be to require future officer candidates to study a relevant foreign language as a pre-commissioning requirement.

He also recommended expanded mid-career graduate level education opportunities, with officer and non-commissioned officer graduates of these programs going back into the operational force and that the stigma against those who leave the operational world to pursue these opportunities — and thereby risk their careers — must be removed. He acknowledged that this was an exceptionally difficult philosophy to change under current personnel systems.

"I suspect you think I am describing the impossible," Skelton said. "Well, you are right."

"What really needs to happen is for the legacy machine age personnel systems to be disassembled and put back together again in fundamentally different ways to meet the demands of the information age population they are trying to recruit, retain, train and educate."

"It is tough to see how the services are going to attract adaptive, innovative, agile people without adaptive, innovative, agile personnel systems to suit them," he said.

### Size of forces must increase

To give officers more time to develop the expertise needed in modern warfare, Skelton advocated an increase in the size of the armed forces. Not only is this increase needed to meet the demands of today, "We need these additional forces to buy time in the present to prepare for the future," he said.

Only with a deep bench could the demands of today be met while providing servicemembers the time to develop their expertise, broaden their professional military education, pursue civilian educational opportunities and take time to reflect on what they learned and experienced, Skelton said.



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The Provost Marshal's Office's new instant command vehicle was on site at Fort Riley's Open House Oct. 1 for visitors to check out.

# New command vehicle improves crisis control

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

It looks like a mobile camper home at first glance. But, with "Fort Riley Police" in large letters on the side and floodlights and a video camera on the top, it's not a mobile vacation home — it's Fort Riley's new instant command vehicle.

The post's Provost Marshal's Office purchased the instant command vehicle last year for about \$262,000. It arrived about a month ago.

The self-sustaining command vehicle is fully loaded. It comes with wireless access, several laptops and a satellite. The external video camera can zoom in up to

300 feet and has thermal and infrared capabilities. It has hook-ups for several phones, a fax machine and soon will have several radios installed.

A generator keeps everything in the command vehicle operating.

It's essentially a mobile police command center. The center can be used in response to mass casualties, terrorism attacks, hostage situations and in conjunction with fire services.

"It enhances capabilities to talk to different agencies. We can monitor all radio traffic," said Mike Meyer, chief of the law enforcement division at Fort Riley.

The vehicle is 200 times better

than what the PMO staff has been using, Meyer said.

"Beforehand, we were running commands out of a Jeep Cherokee and an attachable tent from Wal-Mart," Meyer said. "The Jeep just didn't cut it with four, five, six people."

The vehicle not only helps police do their job more efficiently, it modernizes the Provost Marshal's Office, Meyer said.

"It brings all technology within reaction distance to the incident. With the camera, we can send a live feed to the FROC (Fort Riley Operations Center). It gives eyes and ears to everyone. It can also keep us away from the site. It keeps our people safe and decreases manpower," he said.

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# Fort Riley's police dogs demonstrate skills

*Handler, animal teams train for varied, specialized Army law enforcement missions*

By Nicole Robus  
19th PAD

Fort Riley's military working dogs demonstrated their skills to large crowds at the post's open house and Apple Day celebration Oct. 1.

Members of the 924th Military Police Battalion's K-9 unit demonstrated six different dog skills for the onlookers. Each handler and dog team trains for a unique specialty. Some are patrol attack workers; others are patrol narcotics or patrol explosives workers.

Yellow caution tape marked the demonstration area as one of the measures the military police took to keep the spectators safe.

Before the demonstration began, onlookers were told to remain still during the demonstrations because the dogs are trained to attack on movement.

After the safety brief, each team introduced themselves and Spc. Brett Fischel and his dog, Rex, started the demonstrations by maneuvering around obstacles a team might encounter when on a mission.

Rex jumped over a gate, darted through a window and crawled through a tunnel.

Then, Spc. Aaron Hill and his partner, Marco, took over. Hill and Marco faced away from the crowd as one of the other MPs placed a narcotic in one of six suitcases on hand. Marco then sniffed each of the suitcases and, after sniffing all six, he sat beside the fifth one.

The dog is trained to sit down next to the item that has the narcotics in it, said Sgt. 1st Class Shannon Wilson, noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of the military working dog unit.

The next four demonstrations covered patrol attack work, with each one having a different scenario.

Sgt. Scott Ellingson and his dog, Iron, apprehended a suspect who bailed from his truck after a traffic stop.

As the suspect bailed out, Iron went tearing after him, grabbing his elbow in his jaw and holding on as the suspect thrashed about. Iron let go when the handler yelled, "cease"

Fischel and Rex were next. They demonstrated how to get a suspect out of a vehicle if the suspect refuses the officer's instructions to get out.

Fischel gave Rex the command to jump into the truck and attack

the suspect. When Rex had hold of the suspect, Fischel apprehended the suspect.

The next demonstration was also centered around the truck.

Department of the Army Police Officer Mark Cox and his partner, Barry, demonstrated to the crowd how the dog is able to jump over a pickup truck to attack a suspect who is trying to run away.

The scenario for the demonstration was a traffic stop, the suspect wouldn't listen and then he started to run. It was thought the suspect had a weapon, Cox said.

"I love working with the dogs. It's the best job I could have in the police field," he said.

Cox has been working with the 924th MP Bn.'s Military Working Dog unit for three months.

"I like getting out here and showing the people what the dogs can do," he said.

"By using the dogs instead of the handlers using a firearm or baton, it shows a use of force. The dogs are our weapons," Cox said.

Sgt. Robert Hirsch and his dog, Jack, showed how the dog perceives whether or not his handler is in danger.

In this scenario Sgt. Jayson Smith, who was the decoy, walked up to the handler when

asked. The dog remained still.

When Smith next walked up to the handler and become hostile, Jack attacked Smith and latched onto his wrist.

"It is a lot of pressure. The adrenaline rushes through your body as the dog attacks," said Smith after being attacked.

"This is absolutely the best and most rewarding job in the U.S. Army," Smith said. "It's rewarding because you get to see the results of all your hard work when you are out on patrol."

The handlers go through an 11-week course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where they receive instruction on the management and supervision of the Military Working Dog Program at the unit level.

The course teaches the handlers about the many different aspects of working with a military working dog. It ranges from the transportation requirements for military working dogs and teams to the procedures for procurement and maintenance requirements of explosive training aids.

The dogs also go through training of anywhere from 60 to 120 days, depending on the dog, Wilson said.



19th PAD/Robus  
Spc. Brett Fischel and his dog, Rex, of the 924th MP Bn.'s Military Working Dog Unit, maneuver around obstacles a team might encounter when on a mission. They were demonstrating the working dogs' skills at the Fort Riley open house Oct. 1.

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# Chinook crew tries to 'wrangle' cattle

## Rita delays rescue of cows stranded on levee by Katrina

By David Stroebel  
Army News Service

"Be ready to see something you've never seen before in your life," said Kenneth Orlolano, a volunteer with the Plaquemines Parish Emergency Operations office. Then he pointed out the windshield of a Michigan Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

Below and coming quickly into view, the crew could see what was left of Venice, La. After hurricane Katrina, it wasn't much.

"Look at all the boats on the backside of the levee. That was a marina with a bunch of condos. See where the white truck is? That's the end of the road. The barge is right over there," Orlolano said.

The Chinook crew and New Mexico National Guard volunteers had already dropped off two dozen bales of hay to about 100 head of cattle. The surviving cattle, stranded on a levee for more than three weeks, numbered less

than half of the original herd. The rest had been killed by the hurricane outright or starved to death after the storm.

"They've been getting fed, getting their outs," Orlolano said, "but high tide, the tidal surge, puts 'em in danger with this storm coming."

He looked out at the gathering clouds. Hurricane Rita was on the way, and unless the cattle moved, they would probably die soon.

Ortolano's plan was for the Chinook to recover a beached cattle barge, specially made to haul about half a dozen cattle and able to be towed by a small boat. "We gotta bring the barge to where the cows are, Port Sulphur," he said. "Otherwise, we gonna lose the cattle."

The Chinook landed a few hundred yards from the barge, and the crew and volunteers cautiously made their way through mud-slicked roads, picking their way through the debris. The barge rested crookedly on a pier, several feet over the polluted bay water.

Soldiers and Airmen scrambled over the barge, fastening a set of steel cables onto hard points and clearing trash blown onto the barge by the 175 mph winds of Katrina.

The air mission commander, Capt. Todd Fitzpatrick, examined the barge and the situation. He asked, "what do you think, should we go for it?"

Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Zelenak, the pilot in command, slowly nodded. "Looks good to me," he replied. "The only way I can do this is line up like this," he said, pointing to the south.

To either side stood dangerous obstacles: twin metal columns of a boat ramp to the west and a wooden light pole to the east. The helicopter just might fit between them and allow flight engineer Sgt. 1st Class Steward Wenino to snag the "D" ring on the cables and carry off the 10,000-pound barge.

Fitzpatrick looked worried. "We'll have a hard left crosswind." The chief warrant officer

noded again. "If we get unstable," he told Wenino, "we'll chop it."

The giant helicopter lifted off, circled once and set up between the obstacles. The downwash from the twin rotors kicked up dust, spray and loose trash left by the floodwaters. Wenino reached for the cables with his pole and hook, but he couldn't reach it. The Chinook couldn't drop low enough to snag the cable, coming within 10 feet of the dangerous obstacles.

After ten minutes of trying, the crew abandoned the effort, flying back to Naval Air Station New Orleans in Belle Chasse.

Ortolano wouldn't give up. On the return flight, he worked out a way to reach the barge, by using a 30-foot cable. The crew agreed to refuel and try again.

But the approaching storm wouldn't allow another attempt. Shortly after returning to base, all military aircraft in the area were ordered to fly to safety, away from hurricane Rita's destructive reach.



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A CH-47 Chinook crew and New Mexico National Guard volunteers works to move a beached cattle barge to rescue 100 head of cattle stranded on a levee in Venice, La.

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# Soldiers recover millions

## Top secret operation salvages soggy cash from warehouse

By Kevin Hynes  
Army News Service

NEW ORLEANS — Soldiers of the Nebraska National Guard helped the U.S. Treasury Department rescue an estimated \$50 to \$100 million from a flooded vault in New Orleans last month.

The soggy, stinking cash and coins were removed from a flooded Loomis, Fargo & Co. building in New Orleans by members of the National Guard Counter Drug Task Force who dubbed the mission "Oceans 13," as a sequel to the recent heist movie.

The mission was top secret, said Spc. Tyler Miles, a member of the 134th Infantry Detachment (Long Range Surveillance), who participated.

### Armored convoy rolls in secrecy

Few of the Guardsmen knew what they were being tasked to do until they were briefed just moments before departing, according to Miles and fellow Nebraska Soldier Sgt. Jonathan Panipinto. Their cell phones were confiscated before the briefing to ensure that what they were about to be told would be kept within their confines until after the mission had been carried out.

Panipinto said the Soldiers had some indications that something strange was up, though.

"People approached us and started asking questions about our (light armored vehicles.) Things like, 'How much weight can these things carry?' 'Where is the balance point?' things like that," Panipinto said.

"They didn't identify themselves and we couldn't get any straight answers. They just kept asking weird questions and taking measurements. They just acted really strange," he added.

The reason for the secrecy was simple. When New Orleans was flooded in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, caught up in the fetid waters was the storage building for Loomis, Fargo and Co., a

"It was weird because you would look at these people and you just felt like you were moving money for the mafia."

— Spc. Tyler Miles

### Suspects seen casing armored car building

Lt. Col. Tom Brewer, commander of the multi-state Task Force LAV, said the group was approached by U.S. Treasury officials to help secure a perimeter around the building and assist in hauling the cash away. Because of the nature of the mission, secrecy was paramount.

"Originally, the mission was supposed to take place on Sept. 11, but the water receded so much and so fast that people were noticed starting to case the building out," Miles said. "They finally made the decision that they needed to move now."

The facility was a nondescript brick building located slightly off the interstate, surrounded by strands of rusting barbed wire, a few cameras and an inoperable electric gate," Miles said.

"It was a building you'd never suspect," Panipinto said. "It just looked like a truck depot."

Although the water had receded significantly, the facility was still surrounded by the neck-deep toxic porridge of chemicals, oil, gasoline, sewage and other unknown elements.

### Soldiers arrive, begin amphibious assault

After arriving on scene, one team of Soldiers jumped into the water and broke open the gates and broke open the doors. A sec-

ond group then hitched their LAVs to several surrounding armored cars and pulled them out of the way so that another LAV could back into the doorway.

Miles, who entered the building to assist with the movement, said the images he saw were simply amazing. "Papers were everywhere...receipt-like papers, all soaked," said Miles. "It had a very distinct smell, like absolutely soft money. You know...money and paper."

About four inches of foul-smelling black water still covered the floor, Miles said. Additional black water dripped from the ceilings and ran down the walls.

After entering the first room, a bank vault specialist quickly breached the inner vault door. Inside that room measuring about 20 feet by 20 feet, the Guardsmen, U.S. Treasury officials and Loomis employees found multiple cages filled with stacks of dripping, film-covered bills.

Brewer described the scene to an Omaha World-Herald reporter as looking like "King Solomon's mine - bags of (coins), money stacked everywhere."

"Just seeing how much money was in there was astonishing," Miles said.

### Moving soggy loot no easy chore

After breaching the vault, the treasury and Loomis officials began to quickly load the fetid bricks of cash into plastic bags and then hauled the bags to the LAV. Because the cash had been submerged in the black water, which left a scummy black toxic film covering the bills, the cash was probably going to have to be destroyed.

It took about three hours to

completely empty the vault, Miles said. Because of the nature of the mission, the Soldiers were not allowed to touch any of the stacks of bills, he added.

"It was crazy chaotic," said Miles, who helped move bricks of coins after the cash had been cleared out. "It took quite a while for them to get comfortable with me in the vault with them."

"Once they did, I just pitched in and helped out," he said.

The vault was extremely hot, he said, adding that humidity levels felt like "approximately 200 percent."

"It felt like 130 degrees in there," he said, "and you have all these guys moving bricks of money into plastic bags and then wheeling them out. It was kind of freaky because you got this eerie feeling...like all of a sudden out of nowhere you were going to get taken out. It was like being in a bad movie or something."

"It was weird because you would look at these people and you just felt like you were moving money for the mafia," he added.

After successfully emptying the vault, the Guardsmen moved the treasure to Army Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks, better known as HEMTTs. Those trucks then hauled the bags to a highway where the cash was transferred to armored cars that carried it out of New Orleans to an undisclosed location.

The total mission took about nine hours to complete.

Brewer told the Omaha World Herald that, following the mission, many of the Soldiers started calling the mission, "Oceans 13" referring to the recent remake of the heist film "Oceans 11" and its sequel "Oceans 12."

Miles said he took some extremely good memories with him from the mission, as well as a photo of him sitting on "\$1 million worth of quarters."

"Every Sept. 11 we're going to remember moving all that money," he said.

Capt. Kevin Hynes serves with the Nebraska National Guard.

## Task force adopts wandering cow

By David Stroebe

Army News Service

A cow wandered across the baseball field behind Belle Chasse High School. This cow wasn't lost or abandoned. She was watched over by Senior Airman Desiree Wright of the New Mexico Air National Guard.

"She needs a scrub, but that'll stress her out," Wright said. "Dirty and happy is better than clean and stressed."

Wright knows farm animals, and that's why she volunteered for this duty. "I grew up on a farm in Belen, so I've been around 'em long enough to know. This cow is extremely stressed out, and you can see she has a cut on her side."

Earlier that day, the state veterinarian was at Belle Chasse High School, and Wright asked him to take a moment to examine the animal.

"He looked at her and said she'd be fine; just let her heal on her own. She's eating, drinking and has plenty of grass and shade."

"We named her 'Homerun' since we're keeping her on the baseball diamond," said Maj. Thomas Gonzales, the executive officer for Task Force New Mexico.

When Gonzales heard of a cow that needed a temporary home, he said she could stay and become the unit's mascot.

Local professional wrangler Stephen Menard rescued the cow. "I ran across that cow down by Empire Bridge, where everything was a disaster," Menard said. "She was out loose, and I roped her on foot."

Capt. Rick Maloney, with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, watched the rescue. "He asked us for a rope. We got one out of a destroyed hardware store." A native of Boston, Maloney said he has never seen an example of roping with his own eyes.

"He (Menard) did a great job. One shot and he got it, but I think he's done this sort of thing before."

Homerun isn't back with her owner yet, but she is one step closer. Lori Wilson, director of "Rescue Ranch," a non-profit Belle Chasse organization that takes in at-risk children and animals, picked up the cow along with local cattleman Gary Hess.

"I go to the parish meetings. That's how I heard about this cow needing a place to stay."

Hess has 180 acres and can keep up to 150 head of cattle.

Wilson said she would try to return the cow to her owner as soon as possible. "In the mean time, she'll be safe."

Air Force Staff Sgt. David Stroebe is chief of command information for the National Guard Bureau Office of Public Affairs.

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# New precision rocket helps in Tal Afar battle



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A precision-guided missile roars skyward during its first test-fire outside of United States, recently near Tikrit, Iraq. The unitary-guided, multiple-launch rocket system is the latest addition to the U.S. Army's artillery arsenal and is designed to minimize collateral damage so not to cause unnecessary damage and destruction to innocent civilians.

By Michael J. Carden  
and Pfc. Matthew Clifton  
Army News Service

BAGHDAD — The newest addition to the Army's artillery arsenal was successfully fired in September during Operation Restoring Rights in Tal Afar, Iraq, and Operation Sayaid in Iraq's Al Anbar Province.

The Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System destroyed two insurgent strongholds from a distance of more than 50 kilometers. Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment, fired eight guided rockets in Tal Afar Sept. 9 and 10, killing 48 insurgents, said Maj. Jeremy McGuire, deputy of operations, Force Field Artillery, Multi-National Corps - Iraq.

Battery A, 3rd Bn., 13th FA, fired another six rockets Sept. 11, destroying the Mishi'al Bridge and preventing its use for insurgent forces in the Al Anbar province in Western Iraq, McGuire added.

The 3rd Bn., 13th FA, conducted the first in-theater tests of GMLRS in June; and this summer, Battery B tested the weapon's new Unitary rockets.

These rockets were designed to greatly reduce collateral damage, according to officials of Lockheed Martin.

When the GMLRS was used in Tal Afar Sept. 9 and 10, damage to surrounding buildings was almost non-existent and the target's destruction was absolute, said Capt. Robert J. Hannah of 3rd Bn., 13th FA.

"This system is something the artillery community has been working on for some time," McGuire said. "We can engage the target without compromising the safety of the civilians nearby and also take out the terrorists or insurgencies that engage our forces."

Operation Restoring Rights' senior U.S. officer, Col. H.R. McMaster, commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, weighed in on the combat effectiveness of the new system.

"The GMLRS proved itself in combat in Tal Afar and provided the regiment with tremendous capability. It not only was able to hit enemy positions with a great deal of precision, but was able to limit collateral damage," he said.

The physical and psychological effect the system had on the

enemy in Tal Afar — who was trying either to successfully defend against an attack or goad the Coalition into destroying large portions of the city — was extremely valuable, McMaster said.

The first GMLRS weapons arrived at Fort Sill, Okla., about 18 months ago and 3rd Bn., 13th FA, has been training with the system since June 2004.

"This (system) allows ground commanders to precisely attack small targets, even in an urban environment, with even lower collateral damage than precision bombs used by the U.S. Air Force," Hannah said.

If the aircraft are unable to support a mission because of communication or weather issues, ground commanders will still have access to the new MLRS system, which provides the same capabilities as the air power, McGuire said.

Before sending ground troops into Tal Afar during Operation Restoring Rights, there were a number of buildings that needed to be destroyed in preparation. Two separate targets were successfully destroyed by the guided MLRS system. The missiles were fired from an area more than 50

kilometers away.

The targets were two housing complexes that had been fortified and were known to contain at least 40 insurgents, McGuire said.

"Each of the targets (was) pre-planned," said Maj. James Daniels, Regimental Fire Support Officer, 13th FA. "Before we fire on a target, we have to prove the structure is linked to the insurgency, using intelligence from units in the field that have been engaged from the structure or have made contact with the terrorists around the structure."

Troops on the ground engaging the enemy will also benefit from the missile system's small blast radius and effectiveness, improving their survivability and safety. The troops will be able to maneuver closer toward their aggressors to maintain a better visual of their targets, said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Luketich, senior fire control non-commissioned officer, FFA, MNC-I.

"Basically, it's a safer munition for our troops and nearby civilians, but a more deadly munition for the insurgents," Luketich said. "It's the best munition in the arsenal today."

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## Post news in brief

### Drive's goal: Meet pet needs

The Fort Riley animal control officer has asked residents to help in a drive to collect necessity items for pet control on post. The goal of the drive is to reduce the number of stray animals, reduce cases of animal neglect, reduce animal abuse and alleviate waste by having donations brought in by people who no longer have pets and would otherwise throw those items away.

Items needed include carriers for dogs and cats, kennels for dogs and cats, houses for any size dog, harnesses, leashes, plastic swimming pools, turtle-shaped sand boxes and metal buckets or metal tubs with handles.

Donations may be left at the Fort Riley vet clinic's stray animal facility, Building 226 on Main Post.

For more information, call the animal control officer at 239-6767.

### Retiree day set for Oct. 14

The annual Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Riley's Conference Center. Retirees of all services are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley.

A Health Fair will be conducted by members of Irwin Army Community Hospital from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, will be the keynote speaker. Lt. Col. David Batchelor, commander of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, will also be a special guest, speaking about experiences while serving in Iraq.

Other guest speakers will include retired Col. George Webb, executive director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, and Col. Marilyn Brooks, Irwin Army Community Hospital commander.

Retired Brig. Gen. Dayle Williamson, chairperson of the Fort Riley Retiree Council, will welcome attendees.

For more information, call 239-3520.

### CID looking for applicants

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, better known as CID, is seeking new special agents.

CID is the Army's sole investigative agency for felony level crimes that have a military connection or serve the interest of the Army. It also provides protective services to ensure the safety and security of key leaders within the Department of Defense and Department of Army.

Interested Soldiers should hold the rank of specialist or sergeant, be eligible for a Top Secret clearance, have a minimum of 30 college credit hours; a GT score of 110 or higher; no adverse UCMJ or civilian court convictions; U.S. Citizenship; be at least 21 years old and have served a minimum of two years active federal service.

All applicants must have one year of civilian law enforcement experience, six months Military Police experience or six months formal internship with the local CID office.

Staff sergeants and some sergeants first class who already are members of the Military Police Regiment and Military Intelligence fields can apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CID briefings are conducted at 5 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Building 496 at Fort Riley.

The next briefing is Oct. 17. For more information, call the local CID Detachment sergeant, Special Agent Theresa A. Maag, at 239-2681.

# Army launches traffic safety course

By Ned Christensen  
USA/IMA

ARLINGTON, Va. — Everyone who drives an Army vehicle must complete a new online course designed to make people think about driving safer.

The Accident Avoidance Course is available through Army Knowledge Online Learning Management Services. All Soldiers, civilian employees and contractor employees who drive Army-owned or leased vehicles must complete the training when they start working for the Army.

Refresher training must be completed every four years. The course meets the four-year refresher training requirements of Army Regulation 385-55 and Army Regulation 600-55. It takes about an hour to complete the course.

Driving accidents in Army motor vehicles and privately owned vehicles is the number one killer of Soldiers, said Mario Owens, chief of Safety and Occupational Health for IMA. More Soldiers have died behind the wheel in fiscal year 2005 than in each of the previous 14 years.

"Soldiers are driving more than ever before and under a wider variety of conditions than they ever did previously. Soldiers must drive everything from passenger cars to 'Humvees,'" Owens said. "This contributes to accidents from human error and behavioral factors. The Army also has more Soldiers who have never driven before entering the Army."

About 25 percent of new Soldiers do not have a driver's license when they join the Army. Standardized traffic safety courses for everyone who drives in the Army that incorporate awareness, skills and motivation are one of the first steps in reducing accidents and improving combat readiness, Owens said.

Installation Management Agency safety officials worked with the Combat Readiness Center and the National Traffic Safety Institute to develop a course that explores how values and attitudes affect an individual's driving behavior. Driving is one of the few critical skills that Soldiers use in military and civilian life.

"We're convinced we can prevent the senseless deaths and injuries that can result from irresponsible behavior."

— Mario Owens  
Chief, S&OH, IMA

Changing a Soldier's attitude toward vehicle safety over the span of his or her career is key to reducing accidents, Owens said.

Training will be customized to each person using a risk assessment of driving behavior and habits. The driver's safety course is expected to motivate people to improve driving skills, Owens said. Awareness of aggressive driving, defensive driving techniques and avoiding distractions will be emphasized through the course.

Discussion of driving under the influence, substance abuse, child safety and weather factors have

been included in the training program.

In the next year, IMA also plans to field instructors who will hold face-to-face Army Traffic Safety Training Program classes at installations. IMA already is conducting Motorcycle Safety Foundation training at installations.

Development of standardized Army-wide safety training is expected to save the Army money.

"Some commands were spending more than \$1 million a year for vehicle safety programs of all types. The programs weren't standardized. We should be able to save the Army millions of dollars with a standardized course," Owens said. "It's better for Soldiers as well, because it is common training they will carry through their Army careers."

To enroll for the online course, visit Army Knowledge Online, <https://www.us.army.mil>. Click "Training" under the self-service menu, and then register through the Army's Learning Management System.

In the welcome window, click on "Training Catalog." This opens a search window where the user should enter "Army" in the product name block, and then register for the Army Traffic Safety Program, Accident Avoidance Course for Army Motor Vehicle Drivers.

Users will receive an e-mail confirming registration.

To access the online course, open "Registrations" under the welcome ALMS welcome page. Click on "Transcripts," and then click on "Contents." Open "Army POV 1-3" to complete course.

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Troops from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force, conducted a joint cordon-and-search operation with Coalition troops and detained the individual at his residence. The suspect is being held for further questioning.

Shortly afterward, artillery rounds were found in two different locations. Two 155mm rounds were found on a major highway south of Baghdad. U.S. forces also found five 125mm artillery rounds south of Baghdad.

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) have found nine weapons caches of significant size hidden in various locations since a shift in their area of responsibility less than a month ago.

Iraqi police seized a weapons cache during a cordon-and-search operation in eastern Mosul on Sept. 28. The cache included artillery rounds, rocket-propelled grenades, rockets and blasting caps. The weapons were confiscated for future destruction.

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Gayton pointed out USACE established an office at Forward Operating Base Loyalty near the brigade and battalion headquarters and they work together on a daily basis.

"Then we turn it over to the Corps (employees) who go out and make an assessment of what needs to be done, derive the initial construction estimates, develop a new or validate an existing Scope of Work, advertise for bids and award the contract. We could not do this without the Corps of Engineers. They've been phenomenal."

"What I see in the future is for USACE to continue gradually raising the number of Iraqi local nationals who are doing the engineering aspects out there so it's

"Over the past eight months, since we really got in and started doing some good projects, they see the results and the difference has been incredible. As we drive through neighborhoods now, people are waving, smiling, cheering ... we have government leaders, municipal leaders, social leaders

"And as more projects get done, the momentum is becoming incredible. It's a snowball effect. They realize their government is getting stronger. We're making progress every single day."

Norris Jones is with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Central District Public Affairs.

Anis Abd-al-Razaq Ali Muhammad, also known as Dr. Anis or Dr. Saad, were captured

He has admitted to visiting neighboring countries to buy weapons and explosives and then smuggling them back into Iraq, where he would sell them to his terrorist connections in Baghdad.

Additionally, senior members of the al Qaeda terrorist network in Baghdad commissioned Saad and Layth to open a clinic to treat wounded terrorists in the area.

Another doctor, who was captured in June, was also commissioned by senior al Qaeda leaders in Iraq to set up a clinic to treat wounded terrorists.

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# Fort Riley Sports & Recreation

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## Sports news in brief

### Swim lessons scheduled

Registration for swimming lessons at Eyster Pool is under way at the pool from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the pool. Cost for lessons is \$20. Classes will be taught Oct. 17-20 and Oct. 24-27. Times for the half-hour lessons will depend on the level assigned the student.

For more information, call 239-9441.

### Center offers league bowling

Custer Hill Lanes, Building 7485, offers open bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays.

Extreme bowling under strobe lighting is offered 10 p.m. to close Friday. Family extreme and bowling is offered 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and family open and extreme bowling is offered 3 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Family extreme bowling costs \$15 per lane for six persons.

Couples are being sought for a "fun" league to begin this fall. Sign up at the center or call 239-4366 for more information.

### Roller rink open for family fun

Riley Wheels Skating Rink in King Field House operates from 8 to 10 p.m. Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Family skating is offered for \$1 per family member on Sundays.

For more information, call 239-3764.

### Eyster Pool open for swims

Recreational swimming is available from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Eyster Pool near the Main Post Exchange. Daily fees are \$1.50 for 10 card holders and \$2 for guests. Military family members 5 and younger admitted free.

For more information, call 239-9441.

### Guard eligible for free licenses

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offers Kansas residents who also are members of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard free hunting and fishing licenses and free state park permits.

Application forms for the 2005 licenses will be available in November and can be downloaded from the KDWP Web site at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us).

The forms must be signed by the member's unit commander and mailed to KDWP.

### Fitness centers post age policy

Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room.

Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.

Children age 12 and younger are not permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

## Armed Forces win softball champs

### Fort Riley MEDDAC Soldier named tournament's Most Valuable Player

*Claudia Berwager  
Special to the Post*

The Armed Forces won the 2005 Amateur Softball Association's Women's National Open Championship Sept. 16-18 in Oklahoma City. Fort Riley player Tammy Baldwin was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

The Armed Forces team faced

the Yard Dawgs of Calhoun, Ga., the Eastern Division champions, in a best of five championship series.

The Armed Forces team started with four quick runs in the tournament opener. Karrie Warren of Tyndall Air Force Base opened the first inning with a single, followed by Baldwin's single.

Navy's Erika Mater of Souda Bay, Crete, drove in both runners with a powerful right field double

and then Jackie Dixon of Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, drove in Mater with a single.

Jamie Thompson of Misawa Air Base, Japan, closed the inning by driving in Dixon with her timely single.

Warren, Cheryl Trappell of RAF Mildenhall, Great Britain, and Mater all singled to start off a second inning six-run rally. Kisha Scott-McCloud of Little

Rock Air Force Base closed out the rally with a key two-run single.

The team added two runs in the third and four in the fourth, beating the Yard Dawgs 16-2 in a five innings.

Warren, Baldwin and Mater each had three hits in four at-bats. Baldwin had three runs-batted-in and two doubles and Mater had two RBIs on a double and a triple. Jackeadra Wimbly of Walter

Reed Army Medical Center had a double and a single and matched Dixon's three RBIs.

The Armed Forces team fell behind early in their second game. The Yard Dawgs scored three runs in the top of the second inning, then watched the Armed Forces team score seven runs in the bottom of the inning.

*See Softball, Page 14*

## 'Gotcha'

### MEDDAC can't stop Engineers

*By April Blackmon  
Staff writer*

The Engineers prepared to start the game Sept. 27 a player short, but their seventh man stepped onto the field as the opening whistle blew, and Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, went on to defeat Medical Department Activity 28-14 in flag football at Sturgis Stadium.

MEDDAC took first possession of the ball and quickly made it to the Engineers' 20-yard line with the help of quarterback Kevin Joyce. On fourth down, however, Justin Chapman could only get one hand on the pass into the end zone and couldn't hold onto it for the score. The Engineers took over at the line of scrimmage.

Engineer Quarterback David Jorgenson and teammates were able to move the ball to MEDDAC's six-yard-line before Dave Roberts made the scoring catch. MEDDAC's Lozay Fouts intercepted the extra points attempt, and the Engineers took a 6-0 lead.

In the final play of the quarter, MEDDAC attempted to execute its two-pass offense, but the second pass was picked off by Jesse Gries.

The Engineers jumped on their offensive opportunity early in the second. Jorgenson pitched the ball to Justin Casson. On the run, Casson passed back to Jorgenson, who took the ball in for the score. Roberts caught the two-point attempt to give the Engineers a 14-0 lead.

MEDDAC's next offensive drive didn't last long. A near interception, quarterback sack and incomplete pass forced the Medics to punt. Jorgenson caught the kick at the 20 and returned the ball to the 33-yard line for the Engineers.

Patrick Skull sacked Jorgenson and put the Engineers back at the 21-yard line. The Engineers made their way to the 39-yard line before a three-pass penalty brought them back 10. The team couldn't gain a first down and punted the ball to MEDDAC's 20-yard line.

MEDDAC's offense failed to do anything with the ball in the final two plays of the half.

The Engineers' offense took off early in the third period, plowing down the field. Jorgenson pitched the ball to Shamar Purdie on the fourth play, and Purdie ran in for the touchdown. With Roberts' successful conversion catch, the Engineers expanded their lead to 22-0.

MEDDAC's Fouts danced his way deep into Engineer territory on their next offensive series, but an illegal screening penalty brought the ball back to the 35-yard line. Another defensive penalty took back an 18-yard MEDDAC run and put the team on the 30-yard line.

Fouts took the hike and moved the Medics down to the eight-yard line. That set up the Medics' only score, a pass to Casson on the next play. A flag-guarding penalty took back Davis' two-point run and the second attempt pass was knocked down by Engineer defender Johnny White, leaving the score at 22-6 in favor of the Engineers.



*Post/Blackmon*  
Engineer Mike Southern tries to squeeze in between Medics Mark Ochoa (front) and Caleb Ekane during the Engineers' 28-14 victory Sept. 27.



*Post/Blackmon*  
Dave Roberts snags one in the air for the Engineers during the Sept. 27 game against MEDDAC at Sturgis Stadium.

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## Security issue affects 10-miler

### Package found, racers detoured

*By Tom Mani  
Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — The largest 10-mile race in the United States became the longest Oct. 2 when a suspicious package on the 14th Street Bridge converted an officially sanctioned event to a "fun run."

The adjustment came mid-race, when D.C. area runner Chris Graff was leading the field of some 20,000 registered runners west on Independence Avenue. The detour added a mile or more to the race distance.

### Interagency partners hurry behind scenes

Race participants were unaware of the flurry of activity and coordination that was occurring as a result of the discovery of a suspicious package on the 14th Street Bridge under the HOV span.

The race began on schedule at 8 a.m. with an early contingent of runners that included the Missing Parts in Action Team heading out 10 minutes earlier.

The package was spotted two minutes into the race by the D.C. Metro Police, part of a large group of interagency partners who work with the race host, the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, and the Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region to assure a secure and safe event.

The planned course for the race had the runners returning to the Pentagon over the high-occupancy-vehicle segment, roughly eight miles into the race.

Instead, the runners were directed west on Independence Avenue, past the planned turn onto 14th Street. They crossed back to Virginia on Memorial Bridge, the same one they had used on the outbound leg.

### Better safe than sorry

Based on the recommendations from the D.C. Metro Police, who had not yet cleared the package by the time the lead runner had reached mile marker 7, race officials opted to complete the race using the modified course. This was done, a later-issued official statement explained, "so runners could complete the race and spectators could participate in a safe and secure manner."

At 8:55 a.m., shortly after the first runner crossed the previous start line — now the finish — the DC Metro Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit declared the package clear.

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# KSU, KU play Oct. 8

## Staff reports

K-State and Kansas square off in the 103rd renewal of the Sunflower State Showdown Saturday with both teams looking to rebound from setbacks in their respective Big 12 openers.

The Sunflower State Showdown may not receive as much publicity as many of the nation's other top college football rival-

ries, but it certainly has stood the test of time.

The series dates to 1902 and as one of the most continuously-played rivalries in the nation has been played every year since.

Kansas won the Sunflower Showdown for the first time in 12 tries last year, defeating the Wildcats 31-28 in Lawrence.

During the Wildcats series-long 11-game winning streak, K-

State outscored KU by an average score of 42-9.

Kansas State and Kansas also play annually for The Governor's Trophy. The "trophy" game was initiated in 1969 by Gov. Robert Docking.

The trophy is presented to the winning team and coaches in the winner's dressing room immediately following each year's game by the Governor of Kansas.

## Kansas



*KU hasn't won back-to-back Sunflower Showdowns since 1989-90 and will be out to get its season back on track after falling last week at Texas Tech, 30-17.*

*The Jayhawk offense struggled with 17 incompletions, two interceptions and only 154 yards of movement on 38 attempts.*

*KU coach Mark Mangino sent Brian Luke, Adam Barnmann and Marcus Herford all stepped out for snaps last week. None showed a hot hand, and with K-State coming up, true freshman Kerry Meier is being considered as a possibility.*

## K-State



*The Wildcats opened the season with its running game hitting on all cylinders, but ran into tough sledding last week at OU. After rushing for more than 200 yards in each of its first three games, K-State netted just 22 yards vs. the Sooners. Still, the Cats are averaging 195.3 yards per game, good for 25th in the country.*

*On defense, the Wildcats rank 17th on this week's NCAA total defense chart, yielding 276.9 yards per game. The Cats have also held 3-of-4 opponents under 100 yards on the ground.*

**K-State (3-1, 0-1)  
vs.  
Kansas (3-1, 0-1)**

**When:** Oct. 8

**Kickoff:** 11:10 a.m.

**TV:** Fox Sports Midwest

**Radio:** Mid America Sports Network, 32 affiliate stations; Junction City on 1420 AM, 102.5 FM; Manhattan on 1350 AM, 101.5 FM, 102.5 FM



Post/Gomez-Morris

## Youth soccer studs

Players for the Tigers and the Lightning Bolts chase a soccer ball during youth league play on Fort Riley Oct. 1. No scores are kept in the kindergarten/first-grade league.

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Thompson ignited the Armed Forces rally with an opening single that Wimbley followed with an RBI double. The Air Force's Lance Doughty then drove in Wimbley with a single.

Kristy Robinson of Eglin Air Force Base hit a single before Warren drove in Wimbley and Robinson with a triple. Trapnell drove Warren in with a single and Baldwin drove in Trapnell with her second double of the tournament.

The Armed Forces team added seven more runs in the third. Thompson again started the rally with a single. Niki Dunn of Fort Drum, N.Y., drew a walk, and Schameka White of Robins Air Force Base loaded the bases with her single.

Robinson drove in a run with a single and Warren's single drove in another. Trapnell's fielder's choice added another run, before Baldwin's triple cleared the bases. Mater doubled Baldwin in and scored a second later on Dixon's RBI double.

The Yard Dawgs came up with five runs in the top of the fourth inning, but the Armed Forces' strong defense closed them down for the remainder of the game. The final score was 14-8 in favor of the Armed Forces team, and the Armed Forces needed only one victory to claim the national championship.

The team opened the third game with three quick runs. Trapnell led off with a single and advanced to second on Baldwin's single.

Mater drove both runners home with a double and scored on Dunn's single.

The Yard Dawgs scored two runs in the bottom of the first, but the Armed Forces team scored two more runs in the second behind four consecutive singles from Doughty, the Army's Shannon Eichenseer of Camp Long, Korea, Warren and Baldwin.

The Armed Forces team added three more runs in the fourth off singles by White, Doughty and Marine Brook Snell of Iwakuni, Japan, Eichenseer's RBI double and Trapnell's sacrifice fly.

The Yard Dawgs scored again, making it 9-5. Pitcher Doughty, in addition to batting three-for-three in this game, squelched a pending rally in the sixth when she snagged a hard line drive up the middle and ended the game when she caught a shoe level line drive for the final out in the seventh inning.

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### Decision made jointly

Running the course with his aide-de-camp and about 13,300 others, Swan had communication to the onsite race operations center and the JFHQ-NCR mobile command center in working the security piece and coming to what Col. Joe Torres, JFHQ-NCR J3 (Operations) called "a decision that was made together."

"We are very proud of our inter-agency partners as we were successful in making the 21st Army Ten Miler a safe and secure event," the official statement declared.

Being able to complete the race afforded everyone the chance to recover appropriately, meeting up with family members and securing personal belongings as well as obtaining food, water and medical support, officials said.

### Course change smooth as possible

Dan Clark, one of several blind runners who completed the run, said the course change went

smoothly for him and his guide.

Graff passed the media truck that had been leading the field and learned that the route had been changed. He made the left turn from Independence Avenue to get back up on Memorial Bridge and went on to the finish.

Washington Times writer Steve Nearnman, covering the race on a bicycle, was able to alert trailing Army World Class Athlete Ryan Kirkpatrick from Fort Carson, Colo., where to make the turn.

Runners with GPS equipment calculate that the courses they ran was between 11 and 11.4 miles. Because the race was not on an officially sanctioned course, no individual or team awards could be made, according to the race director, Jim Vandak.

"After seven miles, about 10K," the race no longer counted, Vandak said.

The change proved adaptability, for which the race officials thanked all participants. Despite a delay, the Kids' Fun Run took place late in the morning with hundreds of participants.

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# Two Army drivers victorious

## Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. - Whether turning left or going straight, Army drivers led the way this weekend, taking top honors in two of three separate events.

Rookie Army driver Kraig Kinser stole the show Oct. 1 at Talladega Superspeedway by winning the season-finale ARCA RE/MAX race in dominating fashion.

Driving the U.S. Army/CEN-TRIX Financial/Rally's Chevrolet as a member of MB2 Motorsports driver development program, Kinser started from the pole and led 83 of 113 laps.

"This is sweet," said the 20-year-old son of many-time World of Outlaws sprint car champion Steve Kinser. "MB2 gave me a great car and the Hendrick engine was awesome."

Kinser, who took the checkered flag 168 second ahead of Kyle Krisloff, didn't have much time to enjoy the Food World 300 victory. Following the customary Victory Lane photos and media interviews, he boarded a private airplane for Williams Grove, Pa., to compete in that night's World of Outlaws main feature.

The only glitch for Kinser at Talladega's 2.66-mile oval was when he violated the blend line rule as he was exiting pit road near the mid-point of the race. The penalty relegated him from first to 17th place.

"I made a mistake but it turned out to be a good thing because it gave me more experience working the draft," said Kinser, who led 49 of the first 51 laps.

Competing in only his second career ARCA race, Kinser sliced and diced his way back to the front with the precision of a savvy veteran. He regained the lead on Lap 80 and held the front-running position for the remainder of the race.

"Kraig did a fantastic job. He was incredibly poised for his first superspeedway race," said Doug Randolph, who handled the crew chief duties. "He made that one mistake, but he didn't get flustered. He only got better as the race went on. He's been a pleasure to work with."

In Kinser's first ARCA race in August at Michigan International Speedway, he qualified second and finished eighth.

Along with guidance from Randolph and team spotter Roman Pemberton, Kinser also received advice from 75-year-old Hall of Fame driver Red Farmer, who called Kinser in Victory Lane to congratulate him.

"Red is a great teacher and I really appreciate the time he spent with me during our test session at Talladega," Kinser said.

Kinser's father, who won an



**Army ARCA driver Kraig Kinser gets fresh tires and fuel during a pit stop at Talladega Superspeedway Saturday. Kinser went on to win the race, his first in a stock car.**

IROC race at Talladega in 1994, was back in Pennsylvania preparing for the Oct. 1 sprint car race. He was given a play-by-play of the closing laps via cell phone from his boyhood friend and team pilot Chuck Myers.

"Steve didn't say much, but I've known him for many years and knew he was very happy and very proud of his son," Myers said.

Kinser, who won the prestigious Knoxville Nationals sprint car race in central Iowa in August, said, "I'd like to become a stock car driver. I am very happy with my affiliation with MB2 and hope to progress with its driver development program."

"No question, Kraig has the racing DNA," said Jay Frye, MB2's CEO and general manager. "We're proud of not only the way he has competed for us, but also the professional and humble way he conducts himself both on and off the track."

## Schumacher wins, extends lead

U.S. Army Top Fuel driver Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher captured the Ameriquest Mortgage NHRA Nationals in Joliet Ill. Oct. 2 and widened his lead in the Top Fuel point standings.

Schumacher, who hails from the Chicago area, won for the second time at his home track after disposing of Doug Herbert in the finals with a 4.535-second pass at 328.94 mph.

Following his class-leading sixth victory of the season, Schumacher now leads second-place Larry Dixon by 205 points in the chase for the 2005 NHRA POW-ERade Top Fuel world championship.

"We clearly follow the lead of

our Soldiers, we will not accept defeat," said an elated Schumacher afterward. "This U.S. Army team was just flawless all weekend."

In fact, the U.S. Army team recorded drag racing's version of a perfect game, qualifying No. 1, setting a new national elapsed time record (good for 20 bonus points) and then winning the race.

"This team is so professional with how they approach everything," Schumacher added. "I'm certainly not surprised that we're in the position we're in."

Schumacher heads for the rescheduled O'Reilly Fall Nationals outside of Dallas next weekend.

Should Schumacher manage to leave that event with a 277-point lead or better, he will clinch his second straight NHRA POWERade Top Fuel world title. It also would be the third Top Fuel title of his career.

"The points have a way of taking care of themselves," he offered. "We're going to go down to Texas and just do our thing and we'll see how it all shakes out."

## Nemechek takes ninth

Army driver Joe Nemechek survived the Talladega Super-

speedway wreckfest Oct. 3 with a ninth-place finish in the UAW-Ford 500 Nextel Cup race.

"There was definitely more beating and banging in this race than we've had in a long time," he said. "It was mentally exhausting out there. I came close to a couple of those big wrecks, but we hung on and survived. It feels good to leave this track with a decent finish and the car in one piece."

Nemechek, who ran as high as third with 14 laps remaining, was still in the thick of the battle when the final caution flew on Lap 186 of 190. He was running in 10th place when the race resumed with a green-white-checkered restart.

"We managed to pick up one spot, but once you're in the mix of running three-wide you can't go anywhere," Nemechek explained.

Nemechek also picked up one spot in the point standings and is 15th with seven races remaining. He is 48 points behind 14th-place Dale Jarrett and 20 ahead of 16th-place Jeff Gordon.

"Our goal remains the same, and that's to finish 11th," said Nemechek, who is 99 points out of 11th, the highest position a non-Chase driver can finish.

Nemechek, who qualified fifth in his No. 01 U.S. Army Chevrolet, started the race from the rear of the field due to an engine change during the first practice session Oct. 1.

"In the early going, I wanted to get up to the front," Nemechek said, "but at the same time I was trying to be smart. If you don't finish, you don't get any points. We were patient and just wanted to be in the hunt at the end."

That's exactly where Nemechek found himself after a two-tire, green-flag pit stop on Lap 162. He came out of the pits in fourth place and stayed there until the second draft of cars caught up to the front-running four-car pack.

In the closing laps it was a typical, hair-raising Talladega Superspeedway finish with plenty of jockeying and shuffling on the 2.66-mile oval.



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## More teams battle

A Chemical Co. offensive player battles the 1st Maint. Co. defense during flag football play Sept. 28 at Sturgis Stadium. The 172nd Chem. Co. defeated 1st Maint. Co., 35-25.

In other games last week:

- 331st Sig. Co. def. Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.), 32-19
- 172nd Chem. Co. def. 977th MP Co., 34-21
- 331st Sig. Co. def. 172nd Chem Co., 32-20
- HHC, 24th ID (Mech) def. Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., 33-6
- 172nd Chem. Co. def. 116 MP Co., 28-0
- 331st Sig. Co. def. Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., 32-0
- 172nd Chem. Co. def. MEDDAC, 28-26

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Engineer's Griez took a pass on the very next play and ran in for another touchdown and a 28-6 Engineer lead.

MEDDAC got too pass-happy in the final play of the third quarter and was penalized for making three passes.

Starting out the fourth down at the 37-yard line, a defensive penalty helped MEDDAC's offense advance to the Engineer's 19-yard line.

Taking over as quarterback, Ochoa escaped the initial Engineer defense but was eventually stopped at the three-yard line. Two incomplete passes prevented

the Medics from scoring, and the Engineers took over again.

A switch from zone to man-to-man defense made an obvious difference for the MEDDAC team. Davis and Ochoa nearly picked off Engineer passes, and Skull smacked down a pass and that forced the Engineers to punt the ball to the 27-yard line.

Davis took the MEDDAC hike and evaded the Engineer defense all the way to the 10-yard line. Before his flag was pulled, Davis flipped a second pass to Joyce, who was standing in the end zone. Skull caught the extra points pass for a 28-14 final score.

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# Fort Riley Community Life

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## Community news briefly

### Club Beyond sets activities

**Oct. 13, 27** – 3:30 p.m., True Love Waits. Addresses today's pressures concerning sexual relationships. Fort Riley Middle School, Room 402.

**Sundays** – 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel.

**Sundays** – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond (grades 9-12), basement of St. Mary's Chapel.

**Tuesdays** – Bible Lunch Tuesdays (BLT), grades 10-12. Free lunch and devotion. Pick up outside Junction City High School band room.

**Wednesdays** – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond JV (grades 6-8), Teen Center.

For more information, call Jason Grogan at 210-6240 or e-mail Jason.Grogan@cox.net.

### Trick or treat hours slated

Approved Halloween trick or treat hours in post housing areas will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

For more information, call Steven Tully, deputy director of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, at 239-2433.

### Spouses plan Oktoberfest

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host an Oktoberfest celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 21 in Riley's Conference Center. This will be a couples event.

The menu will include bratwurst, sauerkraut and German chocolate cake.

Cost will be \$8.50 per person and pub glasses will be available for sale for \$11.50 each. Anyone with a pub glass gets free refills all night long.

The charity of the month will be Hurricane Katrina relief through the American Red Cross.

Those wishing to attend should contact the OCSC reservations chair by Oct. 13 at 784-8454 or via e-mail at reservations@fortrileyocsc.com.

For childcare reservations, call 784-2793 by Oct. 16.

### Arts council seeks help

The Junction City Arts Council is preparing to participate in the Geary County Unified School District 475 after-school program and is looking for someone who can instruct fifth-grade students in origami.

The classes will be from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16 or Nov. 29 and 30, whichever dates fit better in the instructor's schedule.

Anyone who can instruct these classes is asked to call the JCAC at 762-2581.

### Rally Point offers variety

**Oct. 9** – WWE "No Mercy," 7 p.m., \$5 cover charge.

**Wednesdays** – Crazy Karaoke and 20-cent wing night 5 to 9 p.m.

**Thursdays** – Request night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close.

**Saturdays** – Hip Hop from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday with DJ Monroe.

**Sundays** – NFL football, six games on TV, doors open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434.

## Teens voice opinions at conference

By **Stephanie Perrin**  
Staff writer

Fort Riley teens recommended extended curfews and public transportation after meeting at the 23rd Annual Youth Action Conference Oct. 1 at Fort Riley's Teen Center.

The conference allowed middle school and high school students the opportunity to bring forward issues and concerns they feel teens are facing on Fort Riley.

"The teens come in and they come in prepared to go to work. They have things in mind that

they want to talk about, change and implement. I have been astounded by some of the great issues that they have brought," said Becky Willis, program manager for the YAC.

Issues discussed by the students included lowering the minimum age for students to attend post gyms alone, on-post jobs available for teens and public transportation.

The proposal for a skateboard park was first discussed two years ago, Willis said. The students proposed charging a fee for admittance to the park and renting out skateboards, pads and helmets to cover the cost of maintaining the

park. Graduations occurring during deployments was another issue brought forward by the teens during the previous year's YAC, Willis said.

"They're getting ready to graduate high school, a once in a lifetime thing, and their parent isn't there," Willis said.

She said the issue was discussed with the garrison commander at Fort Riley and organizers worked to establish a live video teleconference to allow deployed parents to watch the graduations

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Mitch Amidon (left) and Gavin Brown (right) discuss transportation issues Oct. 4 at Fort Riley's Teen Center as part of the Youth Action Conference.

## Army challenges



Post/Blackmon  
Cameron Arcand races her brother, Logan Arcand, during one of their many trips through the eight-station obstacle course during Fort Riley's Open House Oct. 1.

## Obstacles, firing ranges provide entertainment

By **April Blackmon**  
Staff writer

"I want to go again!"

Several parents heard that request after their children ran through the obstacle course at Fort Riley's Open House Oct. 1. The course, set up and ran by members of the 977th Military Police Company, was a popular place for hundreds of children.

Participants stopped first to have their faces painted in camouflage. Then they received a scenario and briefing on the course from 2nd Lt. Louisa Jones of the

977th MP Co.: "You're a downed helicopter pilot and you've got to get through all these obstacles to get to your safe zone, which is the headquarters tent."

The participants jumped walls, crawled under ropes and maneuvered through a minefield in the eight-station course. Once completed, each participant received an American flag dog tag.

The rope swing was several participants' favorite obstacle.

"I like the ropes because I like swinging," Connor Hall said.

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Post/Blackmon  
Connor Hall gets his face painted by one of the Soldiers of the 977th MP Co. before he makes his way through the obstacle course.

### Marriage and Military Life

## Are they conscientious objectors or cowards?

By **Gene-Thomas Gomulka**  
Retired Navy chaplain

Last week I responded in my weekly column to a wife whose husband was killed in Iraq and who marched in the Sept. 24 anti-war protest in Washington, D.C.

This week, a wife whose husband is claiming conscientious objector status wrote: "My husband is in big trouble because he refuses to redeploy based upon his belief that our country's involvement in Iraq is not just. I respect his conscience, but I am also con-

cerned with the strain this has placed upon our relationship and the number of military friends we have lost...."

### About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain.

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having deployed or fought in the Gulf, today there are servicemembers, like this woman's husband, who are claiming this status following their actual war experiences.

The wife's husband who is claiming to be a conscientious objector is not the first U.S. Soldier in history to question the morality of our military involvement in a foreign country. The most famous example of such a Soldier is Ulysses S. Grant.

On May 13, 1846, President Polk got Congress to declare War on Mexico, and that war ultimately

against all war in general and are based upon firmly held religious, moral or ethical convictions consistent with one's lifestyle.

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## Community news briefly

### Family program conference set

The Army Family Action Plan annual adult conference will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12-13 at Riley's Conference Center. For more information, call 239-9435.

### Teen Center slates activities

**Oct. 7** – Middle school dance, 8 to 10:30 p.m., \$1.50 per member, \$2.50 per non-member.

**Oct. 8** – Filled trip, newcomers welcome tour of Junction City and Manhattan, 2 to 6 p.m., must sign up by Oct. 5.

**Oct. 8** – High school dance, 9 to 11:30 p.m., \$1 fee.

**Oct. 14** – Midnight football, 9 p.m. to midnight.

### Baby-sitting classes offered

A Red Cross baby-sitting course is scheduled for the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 5800. The next class is Oct. 15.

Children must be at least 11 years old to attend. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 239-5077 or 239-4847.

### Parents council to meet Oct. 6

The Parent Advisory Council at Fort Riley meets the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the training room at Building 6620. The next meeting is Oct. 6.

Meeting agendas include program updates and parent information. For more information about the council, call 239-9850.



**Sgt. Shawn Day and Cyclone maneuver through an obstacle course during a demonstration at open house.**

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**Sgt. Ryan Thomas shoots at a target while riding his horse, Stonewall, during a demonstration of cavalry tactics.**

Post/Blackmon

# Re-enactors tell stories, share history with guests

By Stephanie Perrin  
Staff writer

Visitors to Fort Riley's open house Oct. 1 could travel back in time to the 1800s with soldiers of the Civil War, handmade ropes and candles.

Period re-enactors participated in the annual open house and Apple Day celebration at Cavalry Parade Field, wearing costumes of the times, making and displaying homemade products and giving brief oratorical performances or talking about the eras they represented.

Liz Zahm of Beatrice, Neb., offered visitors the chance to make their own rope with her rope machine. Zahm has been making ropes for the past 10 years. Her collection of rope pulleys helped lead her to begin making ropes, she said.

"When you have a love for rope pulleys, you have to have a love for ropes," Zahm said. She uses a rope machine remade from the original that is now located in the Homestead Monument in Beatrice, Neb. Her machine requires two people to create a rope. Some machines used in the 1870s required three people, she said.

The rope machine she uses was created by her husband, David,



**Liz Zahm (right) watches as she teaches a 4-year-old visitor how to make a rope.**

Post/Perrin

who is a blacksmith. Their daughter, Shelly, attends the re-enactments with her parents and makes hand-dipped candles and soap.

"My husband has been doing it longer than I have, and then I started in and then Shelly," she said. "It's sort of become a family affair."

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard entertained visitors with performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The newest members to the CGMCG, mules Reckless and Rampage, made their open house debut, performing a wagon pulling demonstration before members of the color guard rode their horses through the obstacle course.

Following the demonstrations, visitors were able to ride in the mule-drawn wagon.

"Families and children alike enjoy it," Ron Roller said. "It's kind of a little touch of history, you could say."

Members of the color guard also set up an encampment depicting tents and living arrangements of Soldiers and officers during the Civil War.

The display included an officer's tent, a noncommissioned officer's tent and a smaller tent that was shared by four to six enlisted Soldiers. Ammo, gunpowder and cooking items were among the items placed for visitors to view.

"(The items in the display) was pretty much basically all they had, what they could carry with them or on the escort wagon," Sgt. 1st Class James Blecha, the noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of the color guard, said.



**Members of 1st Bn., 5th FA, fire "Old Thunder," a replica of cannons used by revolutionary Soldiers belonging to "Hamilton's Own."**

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# Stone entertains open house crowd

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

John Stone and his band drove 12 hours Oct. 1 to perform for a small but enthusiastic crowd at Fort Riley, ending the post's open house and Apple Day celebration on a toe-tapping country music beat.

The trip from Nashville, Tenn., was "right at 700 miles," Stone said.

The band had little time to rest between shows. "We had just gotten back from being out on tour with Craig Morgan. We had a show with him in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and we all live in Nashville. So, we got on the bus at midnight last night (Sept. 30) and headed up here," the singer said.

The small crowd sought shelter from the slight sprinkling of rain under the big tent in front of the

stage on Cavalry Parade Field. Stone, however, was optimistic about the evening performance after setting up.

"The weather's a little nasty, and I was kind of sweating that a little bit, because I was hoping it would be a nicer day out here, but hopefully the rain'll hold off and we'll have a good show for everybody," he said.

Stone showed up minus his backup female singer, Lindsay Frizzell, a member of the Lefty and David Frizzell family. "She's a little sick," he said.

The recording artist brought the rest of his band, though. Rodney Henderson plays drums, Ger Hoffman plays bass, Scott Powell plays keyboard, and Aaron Rogers plays lead guitar.

Most members of the band have played together for about two years. "My bass player's probably been with me three or

four months," he said.

A tank gunner when he was in the Army with the "Hell on Wheels" 2nd Armored Division about 12 years ago, Stone had said he was looking forward to seeing tanks at Fort Riley and talking with some of the tankers. He drove in just before the displays started coming down on Cavalry Parade Field, but not too late to crawl around on one of the M1A1 Abrams tanks on static display.

"I was wanting to get on one and drive it around, but doggone it," Stone said while laughing about the timing of his arrival.

"I got to go check 'em out earlier, though," he said.

Stone had crewed on the first version of the Abrams tank, so the ones on display were very familiar to him. "They got some updated biohazard protection, and it's got a bigger gun on it," he said about what he saw.

From Fort Riley, Stone said he and the band return to Nashville for an Oct. 2 concert. He plays with Ray Price at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville on Oct. 21, and then travels back and forth across the country for other concert dates.

The Wanted Band from Salina opened for Stone Oct. 1. It has been together for about five years. The band includes Jerry Froese on guitar, Steve Norlin on drums and Micha Gordon on keyboard.

The band's leader, bass player and lead singer, Paul Morgan, said he took over the band this year. Together they will spend about 48 weeks this year on the road, he said.

Some of those road shows come to Junction City and Manhattan area clubs. Upcoming show dates can be found on the Web at [www.thewantedband.com](http://www.thewantedband.com), he said.



Country singer John Stone opens his concert at Cavalry Parade Field Oct. 1 with his hit "Shame on You."



Pfc. John Aseph of Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., helps Ayoung Choi as she shoots an M-16 rifle at open house Oct. 1.



Logan Arcand swings from one bale of hay to another during one of his several journeys through the obstacle course.



Pfc. William Wilson cheers on Blake South and points out the next challenge in the obstacle course.

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"I never ever did that swinging thing, but the swing was fun," Ashleigh South said.

Even when they were tired, some children still "Soldiered" on.

"This was my first time (going through the course) and I'm already tired. I don't think I'm gonna go again," South said. But less than five minutes later, South was again trekking her way through the course.

While some were tackling the course's obstacles, others were firing weapons across the street at Sturgis Stadium.

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, set up and ran a weapons qualification range.

Visitors of all ages and sizes came out to get hands-on experience similar to Soldier marksmanship requirements. They swarmed in for the chance to try out M-16 rifles, M-240B and M-249 machine guns.

Shooters put on a battle dress

uniform top, safety goggles and ear protection. A range safety officer stationed at each lane explained weapons functions and how to engage the targets. Shooters then layed on the ground, took aim at the targets and began firing.

"I forgot to take (my finger) off the trigger and it was shooting all out," Koty Eggeman said. "It's got a lot of power."

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# VA, ABC Radio networks partner, reach out to vets

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WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs and ABC Radio Networks have partnered on a program to enhance VA's outreach to America's nearly 25 million veterans, officials announced Sept. 29.

The program will include a public service campaign, a special global broadcast saluting veterans and participation in key VA events.

ABC Radio Networks and "American Country, Countdown with Bob Kingsley" will air a series of public service announcements detailing benefits available to veterans.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, "Bob Kingsley Salutes America's Veterans" will be broadcast on the ABC Radio Networks. The pro-

gram will feature interviews with and historical pieces narrated by some of country music's biggest names, including Faith Hill, Toby Keith, Trace Adkins, Brooks and Dunn and Trisha Yearwood. It will include information on veterans' benefits and interview segments with Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson.

"As part of VA's 75th anniversary, we are taking our message to the airwaves," Nicholson said. "Radio plays a key role in our outreach to veterans, and I'm delighted that ABC Radio Networks and Bob Kingsley, our honorary chairmen for this campaign, have joined forces with VA in our efforts to better inform veterans of their entitlements."

Nicholson also announced that Kingsley will play a key role in the Department's Veterans Day

observance.

"ABC Radio Networks is proud to support the Department of Veterans Affairs in its ongoing effort to support the men and women of our armed forces," said John McConnell, senior vice president of programming for ABC Radio Networks. "We are committed to serving America's veterans through this program with VA."

"Having served as a broadcaster in the U.S. Air Force with American Forces Radio, it is my privilege to be working with VA and ABC Radio Networks as part of this program," Kingsley said. "Country music is one of the most effective ways to reach our veterans and servicemen and women. I am honored to be a part of VA's efforts to get the word out to veterans."

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ly resulted in the deaths of 13,000 American Soldiers, only 1.5 percent (i.e., 195) of whom died of wounds suffered in combat. The rest died as a result of disease and unsanitary conditions during the war.

President Polk said we needed to declare war because Mexicans had "invaded our territory and shed American blood upon American soil."

This was in reference to shots supposedly exchanged between Mexican cavalry and U.S. Soldiers along the Rio Grande on April 24, 1846.

However, was the United States in any real danger from our neighbors to the south? Did this skirmish justify a declaration of war, or were there other motives at play for invading Mexico?

The war against Mexico was supported by southern states but opposed by northern states. At the time, Texas recognized the institution of slavery, but Mexicans,

most of whom were Catholics, did not.

Many northern abolitionists viewed the war as an attempt by the slave-owners to expand slavery and assure their continued influence in the federal government. Many Southerners supported the war to provide more room for slavery to expand with the belief that if slavery were not allowed to continue to expand, it would ultimately die out.

In reflecting upon his involvement as a young officer fighting against the Mexicans alongside Robert E. Lee and other fellow West Point graduates, President Grant wrote: "There was never a more wicked war than that waged by the United States on Mexico. I thought so at the time, when I was a youngster, only I had not moral courage enough to resign."

In writing his memoirs, Grant concluded that the Civil War was God's punishment upon our country for attempting to introduce

slavery into Mexico. It was his belief that "the occupation, separation and annexation [of Texas] were ... a conspiracy to acquire territory out of which slave states might be formed for the American Union."

Had the Mexican-American War waged on for years and had Grant been ordered to return to fight in Mexico, would he have applied for select conscientious objector status (had it existed)?

Would the history and economy of Mexico have evolved differently and would we be experiencing the problems we have today with illegal immigrants had we not invaded Mexico?

By comparison, what will be the long-term consequences of our invasion of Iraq? Will it result in the formation of a very unstable Islamic State (as some suggest is happening), or will it bring peace, prosperity and stability to the region, along with a reduction of terrorism?



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## Story time

(From left) Cassidy Summerlin, Rebekah Sanders and Rachel Sanders enjoy a snack while attending story time at the Post Library Oct. 1. "Cool Cats Read" is the theme for October story times. Stories about cool cats like "Skippyjon Jones," old cats like "The Grannyman" and playful cats like "Top Cat" will tickle kids' funnybones and warm their hearts.

"Sneakers, the Seaside Cat," by Margaret Wise Brown, is beautifully illustrated by Anne Mortimer. Her realistic paintings of Sneakers' first trip to visit the shore and the creatures he discovers there appeal to children of all ages Oct. 8, said Librarian Victoria Martin.

The library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Monday. For more information, call Martin at 239-5305.

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occurring at Junction City and Manhattan high schools. The VTCs were unsuccessful due to technical difficulties, but the parents received a recorded DVD of the event, Willis said.

Better dental plan solutions have also been proposed by teens, she said. The teens stated in Germany braces were free but not in the United States, and because of the costs, some families may not be able to afford to continue braces or dental care.

"These are issues that you

wouldn't think a teen would come up with. They are very strong issues and they try to come up with not only good issues but good solutions to those issues," Willis said.

The teens were divided into groups to discuss their topics and they had to select a spokesperson and their group's three most important topics. The selected spokespersons are scheduled to brief their group's three topics to the commanding general and garrison commander Oct. 12-13 in

participation with the adult Family Action Plan Conference, Willis said.

All of the issues discussed by the groups will be presented to the garrison commander's steering committee in December, she said. The issues are then assigned to the appropriate directorates for further research on solutions.

"The benefits are changes actually happen, changes are made and those changes benefit not only our particular post, but the Army as a whole," Willis said.

Is there something going on in the community that you'd like to see in the Post? Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

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## Leisure briefs

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**Oct. 6** – Undiscovered (PG-13)  
**Oct. 7, 9** – March Of The Penguins (G)  
**Oct. 8, 13** – 40-Year Old Virgin (R)  
**Oct. 14, 16** – Red Eye (PG-13)  
**Oct. 15, 20** – The Cave (PG-13)  
**Oct. 21, 23** – The Transporter 2 (PG-13)  
**Oct. 22, 27** – The Man (PG-13)  
**Oct. 28** – Cry Wolf (PG-13)  
**Oct. 29, Nov. 3** – Just Like Heaven (PG-13)  
**Oct. 30** – Roll Bounce (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

### Steve Traylor performs Oct. 13

Tickets are on sale for the Oct. 13 trumpet recital by Steve Traylor. Hosted by the Junction City Arts Council, Traylor will return to Junction City for a one-night performance at the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth and Washington streets.

Traylor is a former Geary County music teacher who now directs the Pioneer Pep Band at the University of Denver.

Traylor has shared the stage with some of the best performers in the business, including Mel Torme, Frankie Valli, the Four Tops, Kenny Rogers, Crystal Gayle, Bob Hope, Steve Allen, Harry Connick and Dianne Reeves.

Tickets are a suggested \$10 donation and are available at the Junction City Arts Council, 107 W. Seventh St., or by calling 762-2581.

### JC schedules art classes

The Junction City Arts Council will host three classes in October. Registration is required for all classes and can be made by calling 762-2581 or e-mailing [jcartsccouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:jcartsccouncil@yahoo.com).

**Glass Painting** – At 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Oct. 19, Angie Waugh will instruct a class on glass painting using the Donna Dewberry technique of painting.

Waugh is a certified instructor for the technique, which allows shading, blending and highlighting to be done all in one stroke of the paintbrush.

The classes will be at the Junction City Art Gallery, 107 W. Seventh St. The \$10 fee covers all supplies.

**Jewelry Making** – Because of an overwhelming response to Kevin Butler's first jewelry making class, the Junction City Arts Council will host him in a second class at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Junction City High School Library.

Butler will share the secrets of making inexpensive, quality beaded jewelry that rivals the high dollar pieces available in exclusive catalogs and shops.

**Pumpkin painting, carving** – In conjunction with the Junction City Business Association's All Treats Day activities, the JCAC will host pumpkin carving and painting in front of The Gallery, 107 W. Seventh St., at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

Children accompanied by an adult may carve a pumpkin; other children may paint them. Patterns and tools will be provided. This event is free.

## Original Munchkins from movie to appear during OZtoberFest

### Special to the Post

A central Kansas town is throwing a brand new party in October with Dorothy, Munchkins and Toto, too. Wamego, Kan., 45 minutes west of Topeka, will host a fun-filled weekend at its first OZtoberFest honoring "The Wizard of Oz," Oct. 14-16.

Celebrated Munchkin cast members from the classic film will participate, as will two of the nation's foremost Oz experts. The Oz Museum in Wamego — a treasure trove of Oz memorabilia — will feature a special display of authentic film artifacts. The Oz Museum features one of the largest private collections of Oz memorabilia with more than 2,000 items from the book and the movie on display.

The OZtoberFest will kick off with the arrival of original artifacts from "The Wizard of Oz" movie that will be on display. A blue gingham dress worn by Judy Garland in the movie, the pointed hat of the Wicked Witch of the West and a Munchkin's soldier hat and coat will join the other Oz memorabilia in the Oz Museum. Several gingham costumes were made for Garland to wear in the movie; one recently sold for more than \$260,000 in a London auction.

Four original Munchkins from the 1939 MGM motion picture

### Show tickets

What: "The Wizard of Oz" at The Columbian Theatre.

Dinner and show: \$37.25 each

Show only: \$20 each, except for Oct. 14 and 16 shows. Oct. 14 and 16 shows with cameo appearances by movie's Munchkins cost \$20 to \$50 each, depending on seat location. Oct. 15 show is sold out. Add \$17.25 each for dinner on Oct. 14 and 16.

For reservations: Call (785) 456-2029.

will be featured in The Columbian Theatre's stage production of the popular story. Jim Ginnivan, executive director of the Columbian Theatre Foundation, has confirmed that Mienhardt Raabe, who played the coroner, Clarence Swenson, who played a soldier; Margaret Pellegrini, the Flower Pot Lady and Sleepy Head; and Mickey Carroll, the second Munchkin fiddler, all will appear in cameo roles.

"Seeing original Munchkins appear on stage as Munchkins 65 years after the film was released is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,"



Museum photo

The OZ Museum in Wamego will feature a special display of authentic film artifacts.

he said.

Autograph sessions with the Munchkins will be available during the event.

Robert Baum, great-grandson of author L. Frank Baum, who wrote the original book on which the movie was based, will be featured in the Oz Museum on Oct. 15 and 16.

John Fricke, Emmy-winning documentary producer and author, also will be part of the celebra-

Museum," Ginnivan said. "We thought creating a hometown OZtoberFest was a great way to celebrate the end of summer and beginning of fall."

Just a few doors north of the Oz Museum, in the Swigger Gallery of the Columbian Theatre, visitors will find the "Judy Garland — Dressing a Legend" costume collection. The collection features more than a dozen of Garland's costumes. With the gowns will be a full-length black mink coat and other accessories, film clips, photographs and video footage featuring Garland wearing the items on exhibit.

A limited number of OZtoberFest Passports are available. For \$15 (\$12 for kids under 12) a passport will get the holder into the Oz Museum for all of the displays, as well as into the Columbian Theatre to see the Judy Garland costume collection. It also will cover admission to all the autograph sessions and special guest presentations.

The Columbian Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will run Oct. 6-9, 13-16, 20-23 and 27-30.

The visiting Munchkins will appear during the Oct. 14-16 performances.

For more information on OZtoberFest and the Oz Museum, or to purchase an OZtoberFest Passport, call (785) 458-8687 or go online to [www.ozmuseum.com](http://www.ozmuseum.com).

## Historical quilts on display at K-State's cancer center

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MANHATTAN — In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Konza Prairie Quilters Guild Sesquicentennial Quilt Show will be exhibited throughout October at the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University.

The show, which celebrates 150 years of Riley County history, opened Oct. 4 and may be viewed

by the public anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

The cancer center is in 1 Chalmers Hall, 17th Street and Claflin Road. Limited free parking for cancer center guests is available along 17th Street.

An opening reception will be 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 7 at the center. The reception is free and the public is invited to attend.

The quilters guild was established in 1978 to promote the art of quilt making, stimulate interest in quilts and provide educational programs. Each quilt in this show

features at least one pictorial element reflecting local history. Many are autobiographical.

The Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research strives to further the understanding of cancers by funding basic cancer research and supporting higher education, training and public outreach. Cancer center presentations and tours are available by appointment.

For more information about the center, visit [www.k-state.edu/cancer-center](http://www.k-state.edu/cancer-center) on the Web or call (785) 532-6705.



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### Renaissance man

Fire eaters are one of many attractions at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, which runs through Oct. 16. For more information, visit [www.kcren-fest.com](http://www.kcren-fest.com) or call 1-800-373-0357.

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